

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION**

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Public Notice No. 7-22-24  
Notice Date: August 31, 2022  
NPDES Permit CA0104523

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT  
AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
PROPOSED ORDER R7-2022-0022**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) is releasing for public review and comment Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements Order R7-2022-0022 (Tentative Order), which will serve as the reissuance of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Number CA 0104523 and Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for following discharger and facility:

**CITY OF BRAWLEY**  
(Discharger)

**CITY OF BRAWLEY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**  
5015 BEST ROAD,  
BRAWLEY – IMPERIAL COUNTY  
(Facility)

City of Brawley (Discharger) has applied for reissuance of the City of Brawley Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility) NPDES Permit, previously issued per WDRs Order R7-2021-0005, which is issued pursuant to section 402 of the federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1342), and pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Wat. Code, § 13000 et seq.).

**HEARING PARTICIPATION**

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the Tentative Order at the date, time and location specified below:

**Date:** October 11, 2022  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.  
**Location:** City of Brawley Council Chambers  
383 Main Street  
Brawley, California 92227  
(remote participation unavailable)

City of Brawley Wastewater Treatment Plant

**Notice of Public Hearing**

Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views orally on this matter at the public hearing. The Colorado River Basin Water Board requests that those persons wishing to speak at the hearing provide a copy of their oral comments in writing before or during the hearing to ensure accuracy of the record.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Board's [Meeting Procedures](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/agenda/docs/bm_procedures.pdf) ([www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board\\_info/agenda/docs/bm\\_procedures.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/agenda/docs/bm_procedures.pdf)).

**BACKGROUND**

The Discharger owns and operates a municipal wastewater treatment plant. The WWTP provides secondary treatment through a Biolac® activated sludge treatment system that was brought online in December 2011. The treatment system is comprised of three Biolac® activated sludge treatment units equipped with air diffusers, three secondary clarifiers, an activated sludge pumping station, ultraviolet disinfection, and sludge processing facilities. The Discharger has converted one of the inactive primary clarifiers into a sludge thickening unit and the other inactive primary clarifier into a sludge holding tank. Wasted activated sludge is thickened in a sludge thickening unit, dewatered in a centrifuge sludge dewatering unit, and then dried using solar greenhouse sludge drying structure. The Biolac® process operates without primary treatment; therefore, no primary sludge is produced during the treatment process. Wastewater is discharged from Discharge Point 001 to the New River, a water of the United States.

The Clean Water Act requires a discharger to implement a pretreatment program if the facility has a treatment capacity greater than 5 MGD and receives pollutants from industrial users which pass through or interfere with the operation of the publicly owned treatment works (POTW). The Facility has a design treatment capacity of 5.9 MGD and has listed three significant industrial users discharging into the Facility.

**SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS**

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept comments during a 30-day public comment period, which ends on **September 29, 2022**. Written comments on the proposed Order must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on September 29, 2022**. Comments received by this deadline will be included in the administrative record.

Comments should be mailed to the attention of **Jose Valle de Leon** at the address shown below or emailed to: [Jose.Valledeleon@Waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jose.Valledeleon@Waterboards.ca.gov) or faxed to the office at (760) 341-6820.

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**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY**

The Tentative Order has been posted to the Board's [Tentative Orders](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml) webpage (www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board\_decisions/tentative\_orders/index.shtml).

To receive a physical copy by mail, contact either **Mary Castaneda** at (760) 776-8945 or [Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov), or **CJ Jasieniecki** at (760) 346-7494 or [CJ.Jasieniecki@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:CJ.Jasieniecki@waterboards.ca.gov)

**ACCESSIBILITY AND LANGUAGE NEEDS**

Individuals who require special accommodations or interpreter services to participate in this meeting, please contact Mary Castaneda via email at [Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov) at least 10 days prior to the scheduled meeting to notify us that you will be utilizing these services. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-(800) 735- 2929 or voice line at 1-(800) 735-2922.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact **Jose Valle de Leon** at (760) 776-8940 or [Jose.Valledeleon@Waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jose.Valledeleon@Waterboards.ca.gov). Please bring the foregoing to the attention of anyone you believe may be interested in this matter.

File: WDID No. 7A130100011, City of Brawley Waste Water Treatment Plant,  
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